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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION:"GREEN LIGHT"

Editorial in Tegucigalpa-based daily "La Tribuna"(liberal party periodical) (11/16),"Green Light": The victory of the Republicans in the recent elections has given Bush a majority in both the Senate and the House, which has not occurred since President Eisenhower.

"The vast majority of the voters relegated to second priority their normal concerns with the economy and their personal well-being."

"The Democrats underestimated Bush's popularity. In all the elections, Bush made the difference. His campaign expert Karl Rove did not allow the voters to forget the terrorist attacks. And coincidentally, during the two weeks preceding the election, a sniper was terrorizing Washington, D.C.-- individual security, collective security, the security of the nation were the only real themes of this election".

"The final triumph of Bush is the victory he obtained in the Security Council of the UN. Any negative reaction by Sadam would now give Bush the green light he needs to invade Iraq with the consent of the entire international community. Bush does not want to disarm Iraq -- he wants to eliminate Hussein. It has been a long time since a U.S. President has had such support for his initiatives. This victory presages a much greater role for the imperial power in world politics."

Palmer